

LOCAL MATTERS.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES—July 30, 1878. For the Middle States rainy, followed by partly cloudy weather, warm southerly veering to cold northwesterly winds, falling followed by rising barometer.

AGRICULTURAL FAIR.—There was a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Alexandria Agricultural and Industrial Association at the City Treasurer's office last night. There were present, John B. Smoot, esq., President, and Messrs. John Perry, Henry Strauss, J. T. Beckham and Edgar Snowden.

On motion the President was authorized to lease from W. H. Marbury and George A. Mushbach, attorneys for the heirs of the Taylor & McNair estates, the "Peyton's Grove" property, at the upper end of King street, for a period of five years, at an annual rental of \$200. It was further resolved that the President and Secretary be authorized to erect a main building on the King street front of said lot, 250 feet long, 40 feet wide and 16 feet high, to be covered with a tin roof. Plans and proposals will be advertised for, and the work will be commenced at once.

On motion it was resolved that the lot be enclosed, and all necessary arrangements made for holding an agricultural fair between the 20th of September and 1st of October.

On motion the directors of the Woodlawn Agricultural Society were invited to meet the directors of the Alexandria Association at an early day as possible, to arrange for joint action of the two associations in holding the proposed fair.

The amount collected already is nearly sufficient to rent the grounds and put up the actually necessary buildings, but it may be requisite to call upon the citizens for further subscriptions in order to place everything in first class condition, and make the affair a complete success. In this event it is hoped that the people will respond liberally.

THE CANAL.—The Cumberland Alleganians says:

"The water in the canal in this division is now very low, the river and creek not supply the demand, though there is enough water from the big pool above the dam to last for some time as far down as Patterson's creek. Yesterday the pump at the latter place was set to work, and threw 9,000 gallons of water per minute into the canal throughout the day. So far it has not been necessary for the boats to lighten up, but should the dry weather continue a week or two longer they will have to leave short."

"General Superintendent Stanhope arrived in this city yesterday, and in company with Superintendent Hammond will start to make a tour of inspection along the line from here to Dam No. 6. With the exception of a scarcity of water the canal is in excellent navigable order."

A new boat, named the C. W. Warfield was launched at Cumberland on Saturday.

THE STORM.—Since an early hour yesterday evening there has been an almost continual fall of rain. At times during the night the rain came down in perfect torrents, and was accompanied by considerable wind, thunder and lightning. During the entire day, to-day, the rain continued with only slight intermissions until about half past two o'clock. Although so much water has fallen there have been, so far, no reports of damage, although it is feared that considerable lands have been in the surrounding country and along the canal. The sun came out brightly this evening, and the storm seems to be over.

OFF THE TRACK.—While the passenger train on the Midland Road was coming out of a brake on the palace car was way and the car was thrown from the track, running for about half a square on the ground, when it tumbled up against the platform. No one was hurt, nor was the car seriously injured, although the train was compelled to leave it behind, on account of its being off the track.

EXCURSION IN THE RAIN.—Notwithstanding the very unfavorable weather a party of about two hundred persons assembled at the wharf of the steamer Mary Washington, in Washington, last night, and insisted on going on the regular excursion. The managers determined to gratify them, and the boat went a considerable distance down the river. The excursion fever must be high in Washington.

POLICE ITEMS.—The following cases have been tried since yesterday:

Mary Williams, a female tramp from Nashville, for disorderly conduct on the street, was ordered out of the city.

William B. Brown, for being drunk on the street, was dismissed.

COMMITTEE MEETING.—The Finance Committee of the City Council will meet tomorrow evening at four o'clock in the Auditor's office, for the purpose of destroying the old bonds which have been converted into the new non-promissory bonds. This meeting will be the first under the new law, and is held at the request of the Auditor.

MR. VERNON ROAT.—The steamer Hubinger took the place of the Mary Washington on the Fort Point and Mt. Vernon route to-day, while some slight repairs were being made to the machinery of the latter. The day being very disagreeable very few passengers went down.

CALL ACCEPTED.—Rev. J. H. Stringfellow, formerly of this city, but lately temporary rector of Monumental Church, Richmond, has accepted the call to the Memorial Church in Manchester, and will take charge in a short time.

CHURCH DEDICATION.—The new Catholic church of the Sacred Heart, at Winchester, was dedicated on Sunday last by Bishop Kane, of Wheeling, with imposing ceremonies in the presence of a large crowd of people.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Lewis H. Lee, of Orange county, formerly connected with Mr. C. L. Powell of this city in the conduct of the latter's school, a graduate of the University of Virginia, and a gentleman of culture and refinement, died at his home near Orange C. H., this morning of typhoid fever, aged about thirty years. Mr. L. was a delegate to the Congressional convention. He leaves a wife and one child.

Mr. E. S. Fleming, whose discharge from the Patent Office in Washington was noted yesterday, was one of fifty employees of that department who were "dropped" on account of the expenditure of the appropriation.

Mr. G. R. Phillips, manager of the Potomac Ferry line, has returned from Richmond and reports that the steamer Mystic will arrive on the 7th proximo.

Attention is called to the notice of the Superintendent of Gas in another column. All who do not pay up by Thursday will have the flow of gas cut off from their premises.

A neighbor informs us that his wife never knew a quiet night until the doctor prescribed Dr. Bull's Baby Syrup for her little one.

SPECIAL OFFERINGS THIS WEEK.—We offer for sale on our counter 150 dozen Silk Handkerchiefs, in all shades and patterns, at 15 cents a piece—a real bargain. Also 50 pieces of Stearns' best Crabs; 25 pieces of wool, Flannel, 10 pieces black, 25 pieces Cashmere. A new style and design in 100 pieces of ladies, and a magnificent lot of white and black, very fine, at 50 cents a piece. The above goods have just arrived and been bought from first hands and sold at a sacrifice. Call and see for yourself.

I. RICHBERG.

Eclipse.

The total eclipse of the sun was successfully observed at Pike's Peak, Colorado, yesterday, by Gen. Myer, chief of the signal office. It was also successfully observed at other points. In the east, however, the weather was in the main unfavorable. It was cloudy and raining in this city and Washington during the greater portion of the day, and no observations could be obtained.

At Lake Charles, La., the total eclipse occurred at 3:45 p. m., and lasted one minute. Clouds occasionally obscured the sun, but the view at the commencement, for most of the duration, and for the last half hour was wholly unobscured. At the moment of total obscuration a match had to be lighted to note the hour on the clock. During the following minute a perceptible halo fringed the moon, the surface of the latter looking like bluish steel. No perturbation was evinced by animals, such as dogs and cats. They retained their position in the shade, where they were lying down when the eclipse began, and cattle browsed quietly in the field.

At Little Rock, Arkansas, the eclipse was plainly visible in the evening through smoked glass, and even with the naked eye.

A dispatch from Denver, Colorado, says: The sky was entirely clear until one o'clock this afternoon, when a few masses of cumulus clouds showed themselves over the mountains, toward the north and northwestern. With this exception the sky was perfect, and the atmospheric conditions of a most favorable character for successful observations of the eclipse. The house tops were thronged with people, and the higher buildings were especially in demand, as from them the dark shadow of totality could be seen as it swept onward over the plains.

The first contact occurred at 2:20 o'clock, Denver time, and ten minutes later the presence of the moon at the edge of the sun's disc was plainly perceptible with the aid of smoked glass. By three o'clock the sunlight had moderated in a marked degree, being of a pale yellow color. Later on a lurid glare overspread the earth, the heat of the sun was no longer oppressive, a light similar to twilight was visible in the horizon, and the light flocks of clouds began slowly to dissolve, owing to the change of temperature. As the period of totality approached, the sight from the shadow station was grand. A brilliantly dark shadow fell on Long's Peak, severely five miles distant, sweeping rapidly southward, covered the plain like a gray pall, while to the northeastward clouds could be seen bathed in sunlight, illuminating a beautiful sunset. During the period of observation the moon appeared like a huge black ball, surrounded by a beautiful circle of light, and when the sunlight again burst forth the clouds crowded as though morn had dawned.

Coal Mine Falling In.

SHENANDOAH, Pa., July 30.—During the last few days the west side workings of the Indian Ridge mine, one of the leading collieries in this place, has been falling in. The process known to miners as "robbing pillars" has been going on for some time past in the mine, and the supports of the roof were nearly taken out. A number of large openings have been made in the surface within the borough limits in close proximity to a number of houses. Considerable fear is entertained by people under whose dwellings the workings extend, and a number of them have vacated their houses. One of the largest openings made in the main branch of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, and the road is liable to go down at any time. The colliery belongs to the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company, and besides throwing a number of men out of employment the company will lose much valuable coal as the result of weakening the roof supports.

How can I have a clear and brilliant complexion? Simply by using Dr. Bull's Blood Purifier and observing the rules of health.

A SINGULAR ACCIDENT ON THE NEW YORK, NEW HAVEN AND HARTFORD RAILROAD.

New Haven, Aug. 7, 1877.

Dr. Giles: While on duty as fireman on engine 47, about ten miles from this city, on Shore Line Road, was accidentally thrown off a rock, train under full head—about thirty-five miles an hour. Was very badly bruised. Your agent was on board. He furnished me with two bottles of Liniment Iodide Ammonia, from which I received the greatest possible benefit. In four days was able to sit up, and am now able to commence work. My aged mother also used the Liniment for rheumatism, which it cured.

The above was witnessed by a number of passengers, and vouched for by Mr. T. Metcalf, conductor.

Sold by E. S. Leadbeater & Bro. Send for pamphlet.

DR. GILES, 120 West Broadway, N. Y.

Try 25 cents.

A RELIABLE ARTICLE.

It is a pleasure to commend an article of a thoroughly reliable character, and we do not hesitate to do so in speaking of DOOREY'S YEAST POWDER, which an experience of over ten years convinces us is the best and most reliable baking powder in the market.

I HAVE RENTED a store on 7th street, in Washington, to which I will remove on Sept. 1st proximo. Meanwhile I will sell out my entire stock of millinery, fancy and dry goods. Call early to secure bargains.

S. LINDHEIMER,

76 King street.

July 25-1m

Dr. J. H. Headache Specific contains no injurious substance, cures headache in 5 to 20 minutes by the watch. Price 50 cents in large bottles. Rheumatism can only be cured by using Durand's Rheumatic Remedy.

One hundred pieces of black and colored and light silks, just received at the popular dry goods store, (Carter's), 711 Market Space, Washington, D. C.) Checked Silks in Navy Blue, Black, Brown, Lavender, and Green on pure white ground; Narrow Striped Silks, Brown, Navy Blue, Light Blue, Black and Lavender on pure white ground; Seal Brown, Navy Blue, Light Blue, Plum, and an immense assortment of Black Silks, Black Lining Silk, 50s; Black Silk, excellent quality, real satin finish, \$1; and our \$1.25 sublime quality Black Silk is the greatest bargain in Washington. Beautiful Dress Goods, part wool, 15s; Bunting, Navy Blue, Cream, Black, and all the light shades; Bunting, all pure wool, 25s; all wool Debees Black Silk and wool Grenadine. New Parasols! New Parasols! New Parasols! Beautiful shade of Cream Colored Silk just received, and a large assortment of Black Cashmere Shawls.

For upwards of thirty years Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used for children. It corrects acidity of the stomach, relieves wind colic, regulates the bowels, cures dysentery and diarrhea, whether arising from teething or other causes. An old and well tried remedy. 25 cents a bottle.

OFFICE OF THE CITY GAS WORKS.

Alexandria, July 30, 1878.

All in arrears for gas will please remember that according to notice as published, THE FLOW OF GAS WILL BE STOPPED from all delinquents on the 1st of August.

J. T. CROUGHTON & SON.

MRS. POTTS COLD WOOD HANDLE SMOOTHING IRONS for sale at reduced prices at 88 King street, corner of Royal sts., by J. T. CROUGHTON & SON.

SHOE, HORSE, SCRUB, WHITE-WASH and OTHER BRUSHES, in large quantity, wholesale and retail, at 58 King st., by J. T. CROUGHTON & SON.

BUTTER PRINTS, of beautiful patterns, for sale at low prices. Call and see.

PRIME LEMONS AND ORANGES at J. C. & E. MILBURN'S.

Poisoned.

CINCINNATI, O., July 30.—A special dispatch from Cleveland states that on Wednesday last fifteen girls employed in Madame Somer's dressmaking establishment, had milk for dinner. During the afternoon they were all more or less sick, including the Madame. None of them were ill, however, as to be unable to return to work next day, except two sisters, Mary and Nettie Drift. On Thursday both were dangerously ill. Physicians who were called in pronounced them cases of poisoning. Yesterday Mary died in great agony. Nettie is still alive, but in a very precarious condition. The coroner has taken the case in charge and ordered an analysis of the milk.

Burglary.

BORDENTOWN, N. J., July 30.—On Sunday night or early Monday morning the office of the narrow gauge railroad at South Camden, N. J., was entered by three masked burglars who overpowered and gagged the night watchman and blew open the safe taking the contents amounting to \$1,500. Nothing has as yet been heard of the burglars.

Afraid.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 30.—The Signal Service station at Southville, N. C. reports at 10 a. m. to the Chief Signal officer as follows: The Spanish brig Dosconados got afloat yesterday evening and has been towed to Wilmington for repairs.

The Turf.

SARATOGA, N. Y., July 30.—It has rained ever since 10 o'clock last night and the races consequently have been postponed.

BUFFALO, N. Y., July 30.—The race advertised for to-day, have been postponed until tomorrow on account of rain.

Fire.

OTTAWA, Ont., July 30.—Bacon & Currier's mills, at Hull Landing, opposite Ottawa, were burned last night. The loss will exceed \$100,000.

Drowned.

OTTAWA, Ont., July 30.—Three men, named Flavier, Adams and Leeds, were drowned in Lake Natican yesterday.

A NAKED MAN IN A STREET CAR.—Yesterday afternoon a number of men went bathing at pier No. 4, North River, New York.—They made no pretense of donning anything in the shape of bathing suits and acted like wild savages in a domestic state.

The neighborhood is thickly populated, and travel on the horse cars is almost unprecedented with excursionists going to Staten Island and other ferries. These ruffians in the face of women and children had no thought of propriety and their actions were viewed with disgust and indignation.

One of the party, who was conspicuous among others for his indecent behavior, flung himself head on from the river made a dash for the street and ran into a West street car, the officer at his heels.

The car was crowded and there was a general consternation among the passengers at the startling sight of a naked man rushing pell mell through a public thoroughfare and through a crowded car. He was hemmed in between the passengers, many of whom were ladies, but before the officer could lay hands on him he got out by the front platform and made for the pier again.

He dashed headlong overboard; the officer, still keeping up the chase, jumped into the water after the fugitive. The two men struggled desperately in the water, but, handicapped as the officer was with his clothing, he held on manfully to his prisoner and pummeled him soundly to reduce him to subjection.

A sergeant threw a rope to the officer, which the latter tied about his prisoner, and by this means the man was hauled on shore. Six other bathers were subsequently arrested and imprisoned.

RUNWAY ACCIDENT.—This morning a milk wagon, owned by Mr. Quackenbush, was standing at the corner of 5th and N streets in charge of a small boy, when a number of children gathered about it. The little fellow, who was then in and took a risk. The invitation was accepted, and in a few minutes twelve boys and girls were in and out of the wagon, and the young driver giving the word, the horse started, but before proceeding half a square the two boys jumping out just before this and saving themselves. The others—eleven including the driver, were more or less injured. Mr. Quackenbush's son the most seriously, he being badly bruised, and it is thought, internally injured. Minnie Brown had her arm broken and tooth loosened, and others were cut and bruised, some but slightly, others more seriously. The horse was soon stopped, and Dr. Young, Hoyer and others were quickly summoned, and for some time they had as much as they could attend to in binding up cuts, &c.—W. H. News.

NEW SPECIES OF MOLE.—Considerable excitement has been caused in this district of Tokuch, near the village of Pounder, in Roumania, by the sudden appearance of a species of mole, yellowish in color, twenty centimeters in length and eight in circumference, of a snake like appearance, which has already destroyed one hundred and twenty acres of wheat, part of the ground being cleared so effectually that it is impossible to tell what species of grain had been sown there. These animals disappear in the daytime in holes dug in the earth, and come out at night to commence their depredations. The oldest inhabitant of the district has never seen anything of the same kind before.

CULTIVATING MUSHROOMS.—An enterprising Frenchman, M. Mazzarelli, sometime since rented an abandoned brewery at Hoboken, N. J., and entered into the artificial culture of mushrooms. He has spent \$2,000 in perfecting himself in the art, and keeps his process of production entirely secret. The products are large milky disks, weighing in some instances five or six ounces each, and averaging fifteen or twenty to the pound. M. Mazzarelli has already been able to raise 120 pounds per day and finds a ready sale for them at the hotels and restaurants, receiving 10 cents per pound in summer and 50 cents in the winter.

The editor of the Alexandria Gazette writes: The communication over the signature of "Citizen" in Wednesday's Gazette relative to the nuisance of the little blowing by the fire engines would have been unnecessary had the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department been in the city. For his information I make the following statement, which will be substantiated by a number of respectable and tax paying citizens of the neighborhood, viz: That the engine at the corner of Duke and Pitt streets had ceased to work; hose detached, fire drawn, and the team sent with the wagon to the engine house that the team might return for the engine, during which time all this unnecessary blowing and tooting occurred. This is published for the information of the Chief of the Fire Department.

The Manassas Gazette says: Mr. David Lee, an old citizen of this county, and a soldier in the war of 1812, died at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. B. P. Mitchell, near this place, at midnight of Thursday, in the eighty-sixth year of his age.

MAYOR'S OFFICE.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., July 29, 1878. ROCLAMATION.—John J. Decker, Commissioner Merchants, Dealers in Tobacco, Auctioneers, Keepers of Houses of Private Entertainment, Ordinary Keepers, Persons Buying on "Change, Butchers, Hackmen, Green Grocers, Ice Dealers, Peddlers, Dealers in Wine and Cord, Owners of Horse Wagons, Carriage and all others taxed under the laws of the Corporation and assessed by the Commissioner of Revenue, are hereby notified to come forward without further delay and pay the amount of license tax assessed against them respectively. Persons failing to pay by the 10th day of August next will be dealt with as the law directs.

E. KEMPER, Mayor.

Captured.

CINCINNATI, July 30.—A special dispatch from Springfield, Mo., states that a number of Deputy Marshals from Missouri and Arkansas came upon Tom Malinee, a noted moonshiner, in Taney county, Mo., Saturday, as he was lying upon the floor of his cabin playing with his child. Perceiving their approach Malinee jumped up and ran out of the back door, thinking to escape. Finding two marshals stationed there he fired upon them without effect. The fire was returned, wounding Malinee in the arm. He then ran toward a sugar cane patch. One of the marshals fired, dropping him, but he immediately arose and scattering himself among the thick stalks escaped. Malinee is at the head of the illicit distilling in that part of the country. Their operations are so systematic as to be almost impregnable to law. He made all persons purchasing whiskey from him take an oath to stand by him to the last against the officers. The result is that every citizen within an extended radius not only refuses to become a witness against him but will not afford food or accommodations to the marshals.

Maine Republican Convention.

PORTLAND, ME., July 30.—The Republican State convention assembled at the City Hall of Portland at 11 o'clock this morning, and was called to order by Mr. Blaine. The large hall is four-fifths filled with delegates, and the galleries are equally filled with spectators.

Hon. Lewis Barker, of Bangor, was chosen as chairman, and F. Carish, of Portland, and George P. Dutton, of Ellsworth, were chosen as secretaries.

Mr. Blaine gave notice that by virtue of instructions from last year's convention the State committee would act as committee on credentials.

A committee of one from each county was appointed on permanent organization. The convention then took a recess.

After the recess the State committee, as the committee on credentials, reported that the counties were represented by 903 delegates. The temporary organization was made permanent with the addition of a vice president from each county, after which an adjournment was made till 2 o'clock.

MILESTONES ON THE ROAD TO HEALTH. The recovery of digestion and the resumption of activity have the most direct and powerful effect upon the general health of the system, so the system can never acquire perfect vigor, health's synonym, until that function be actively resumed. Take, for instance, digestion, a suspension of which is invariably rectified by Ayer's Stomach Bitters. It cures upon which it depends grow weak, biliousness, constipation, headache, poverty of the blood, and a hundred other symptoms, supervene, which indicate unmistakably the baneful general influence of dyspepsia. The disappearance of all these symptoms through the use of the Bitters shows with what thoroughness it removes their cause.

NOTHING SHORT OF unmistakable benefits conferred upon tens of thousands of sufferers could originate and maintain the reputation which Ayer's Stomach Bitters enjoys. It is a compound of the best vegetable alteratives, with the iodides of Potassium and Iron, and is the most effectual of all remedies for scrofula, mercurial or blood disorders. Uniformly successful and certain in its remedial effects, it produces rapid and complete cures of Scrofula, Eczema, Boils, Humors, Pimples, Eruptions, Skin Diseases and all disorders arising from impurity of the blood. By its invigorating effects it always relieves and often cures Liver Complaints, Female Weakness and Irregularities, and is a potent restorer of vitality. For purifying the blood it has no equal. It tones up the system, restores and preserves the health, and imparts vigor and energy. For forty years it has been in extensive use, and is to-day the most available medicine for the suffering sick anywhere. E. S. Leadbeater & Bro., Agents.

I HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM NEW York, and have now in stock as fine and select an assortment of Clothing and Gents' Furnishings as can be found in any of the largest cities, and VERY CHEAP. I can fit a child of six years and a man of 300 lbs weight. My Fine Dress and Business Suits are as good as can be made by any merchant tailor; and in Underwear my variety is complete, including Gaiters. Shirts at 20c, Lisle Thread Shirts at \$2, and Linen Drawers at \$1.75; two fine four piece Linen Suits for 25 cents, &c., &c.

3. DEATHAM,

62 King st., 4th corner Fairfax

AN UNDENIABLE TRUTH.—You deserve to suffer, and if you lead a miserable, unsatisfactory life in this beautiful world, it is entirely your own fault and there is only one excuse for you—your unreasonable prejudice and skepticism, which has killed thousands. Personal knowledge and common sense reasoning will soon show you that Green's August Flower will cure you of Liver Complaint, or Dyspepsia, or any of the ailments which afflict the stomach, habitual constiveness, dizziness of the head, nervous prostration, low spirits, &c. Its sales now reach every town on the Western Continent and not a Druggist but will tell you of its wonderful cures. You can buy a Sample Bottle for 10 cents. Three doses will relieve you.

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